

# **Emergency Alert System Committee**

**January 3, 2003**

## **Attendees:**

John Crosby – Kansas Emergency Management Association

Bill Nolan – Broadcasters Technical Association

Mike Akulow – National Weather Service

Rob Marshall – Cable Industry

Ronald Ramage – Federal Communications Commission

Ed O'Donell – Broadcaster

Rod Keen – Broadcaster

Robert Hilton – Broadcaster

Harriet Lange – KS Association of Broadcasters

Douglas Overla – TV Broadcaster

Michael Slocum – Broadcaster

Bradley Howard – Broadcaster

Lety Arzate – Adjutant General Department

## **Members not in Attendance:**

Bruce Mensie – Broadcaster

Bob Newton – Broadcaster

David Lake – Communications Committee

## **Meeting:**

- Ø The present Committee decided to name this group as **Emergency Alert System Committee**, instead of Emergency Alert System Sub-committee, as was originally proposed.
- Ø The Committee decided to have this Committee report directly under the Commission of Emergency Planning and Response (Charter for this Committee is included with this correspondence)
- Ø The proposed Charter for the Committee was reviewed and modified (attachment with corrections included)
- Ø Bill Nolan indicated that he believes that the EAS State-Wide Plan should be reviewed and changes completed by the middle of the year.
- Ø The Adjutant General Department agreed to provide support to this Committee by creating a web page with a public domain such as "Kansas EAS." This web page would include the EAS plan in a PDF file format. This web page would be utilized by broadcasters around the state, which need to comply with FCC stipulations. The design of this web page would have the direct input from the members of the EAS Committee.
- Ø A deadline was given (January 2004), for Broadcasters to upgrade their EAS equipment to operate using the newly assigned AMBER Alert Codes.
- Ø Bill Nolan was elected to be the First Chairperson and Robert Hilton the Vice-Chair.
- Ø The Committee agreed that this Committee should meet at least once a year or as deemed necessary.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The Next Meeting would be scheduled after the EAS Plan has been completed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03